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Examiner: S. Mummert

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Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND METHOD OF
DETECTING MUTATED NUCLEIC ACID USING THE SAME

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

U.S. Patent No. 6,326,145 was cited in the Office Action for the co-pending application Serial No. 12/855,433, mailed December 17, 2010. A copy of the Form 892, issued by the Examiner, is enclosed.

The reference "Demandant's 4th Brief for H21 (Gyo-Ke) 10420" was issued on October 13, 2010. A copy of the reference as well as its English translation is enclosed. A Supplementary Exhibit (No. 14; Figs 2 and 3) is also submitted (NPL 1 and 2).

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- The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. U.S. Application No. 12/855,433 is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/532,975, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of September 9, 2008 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,803,579.

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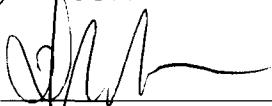
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form SB08, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Please charge any required fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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